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NORTHAMPTON'S PUBLIC LIBRARY

Racial and Social Justice Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, August 28th, 2023

4:00 PM, Online*

Pursuant to Governor Baker's Emergency Order Modifying the State's Open Meeting Law issued March 12, 2020, this meeting will be held using remote participation.

Please follow this link to access the Zoom teleconference:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89946148301?pwd=dlhiYORQam5vYnF2RDNsNzJwROhGQT09>

Meeting ID: 854 3518 7081

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AGENDA

1. Welcome (15 minutes)
 - a. Public Comment period
 - i. Public comment period is open now. We welcome and appreciate all public comments, but note that the Advisory Group will not engage in discussion or debate following these comments. However, the Advisory Group may address the issue at a later date and will notify the presenter appropriately.
 - b. Land Acknowledgement
 - i. Forbes Library stands on Nonotuck land. We'd also like to acknowledge our neighboring Indigenous nations: the Nipmuc and the Wampanoag to the East, the Mohegan and Pequot to the South, the Mohican to the West, and the Abenaki to the North. We would also like to pay our respects to indigenous Elders, past and present, of these communities and any others who may be here today. This is and always will be indigenous land.

- c. Approve [minutes](#) from previous meeting
- d. Introductions/Re-Introductions; Sharing (if you would like to) about something you've read this summer

2. Library Updates

3. Brainstorming Action Items: Presenting a draft of our [strategic action plan](#) and having a brainstorming discussion about a few of the action items (highlighted in pink).

4. Thinking about what others are doing: Sharing thoughts and feedback on Seattle Public Library's newly released [Equity, Race and Social Justice Priorities](#)
<https://www.spl.org/programs-and-services/social-justice/equity-at-the-library>

5. Looking forward

- a. Space for other thoughts, ideas, experiences from this summer that would be relevant for our group to discuss
- b. Set next meeting date